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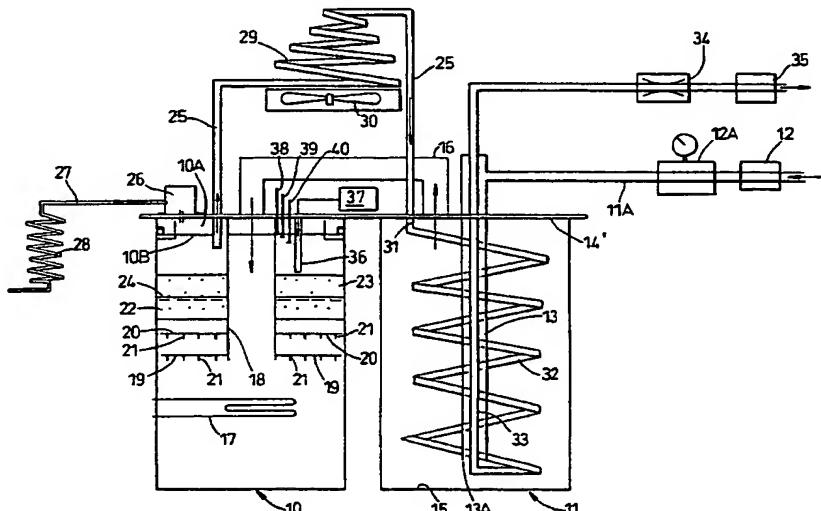
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides an improved means of purifying water which comprises a water treatment apparatus comprising a treatment housing (10, 60) having an inlet (18, 65) for the water to be treated, an outlet (25, 67) for the treated water, a heater (17, 76) within the housing to come into direct contact with the water and a filter (22, 23, 78, 79) between the heater and the outlet, characterised in that means (38, 81) are provided to fill the housing with water up to a maximum level which leaves a headspace (10A, 80A) between the water and the roof (14, 61) of the housing, the entrance to the outlet being below the operating water level (10B, 80).